

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace the existing claims with the following set of claims:

Claim 1. (currently amended) A method for ~~inhibiting lipase~~  
~~activity~~ decreasing mammalian absorption of fats by the  
gastrointestinal tract said method comprising inhibiting lipase activity  
in the mammal, said method comprising the step of: orally  
administering to the mammal ~~an anti-lipase~~ avian antibody antibodies  
that ~~decreases~~ decrease activity of said lipase relative to a control,  
wherein said control does not receive said avian ~~antibody~~ antibodies,  
wherein said inhibiting decreases the breaking down of ingested fats  
thereby decreasing the absorption of said fats by the gastrointestinal  
tract.

Claims 2-7, canceled.

Claim ~~8~~<sup>2</sup> (previously amended) The method of claim 1, wherein  
prior to the step of administering to the mammal said avian antibody,  
said avian antibody is produced in avian eggs.

Claims 9-13, canceled.

Claim 14.<sup>3</sup> (previously amended) The method of claim 1, wherein prior to the step of administering said avian antibody, said avian antibody is first freeze dried or spray dried.

Claims 15-17, canceled

Claim 18.<sup>4</sup> (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said avian antibody is fed in a powder form or in liquid form admixed in whole egg or yolk.

Claims 19-30, canceled

Claim 31.<sup>5</sup> (previously amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said avian antibody is fed in a liquid form.

Claims 32-46, canceled

Claim 47.<sup>6</sup> (currently amended) A method of ~~controlling~~ reducing weight gain in a mammal ~~mammals~~ by ~~limiting~~ decreasing mammalian absorption of fats in the gastrointestinal tract by inhibiting lipase activity in said mammal, said method comprising the step of: orally administering to said mammal a quantity an amount of antilipase avian antibodies effective ~~antibody to the mammals, wherein said quantity of antilipase antibody requires an increase of more than approximately 35% in food intake to increase weight of the mammals by 1 gram~~ to decrease activity of said lipase relative to control.

wherein said control does not receive said avian antibodies, wherein  
said inhibiting decreases the breaking down of ingested fats thereby  
decreasing the absorption of said fats by the gastrointestinal tract and  
reducing weight gain in said mammal.

Claims 48-50, canceled.

Claim ~~51~~<sup>7</sup>. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~50~~<sup>6</sup> ~~47~~ wherein  
said step of orally administering comprises orally administering said  
antilipase antibody in combination with the mammal's feed.

Claims 52-54, canceled.